

BY TELEGRAPH.

How We Get Our News From the Outside World and How We Did.

The Western Union Service as Compared With the Service in Days Gone By.

From a Single Wire and One Operator We Now Have a Splendidly Equipped Office.

Walk along Main street by the First National bank and you hear the clinkety clink of the telegraph instruments in the Western Union Telegraph office. To the untrained ear it is a jumble of sounds, to one who knows how to read by ear there is many a tale untold. Messages of congratulation, of condolence, a few words telling a sad tale, a few words telling a happy meeting, the news of the day coming and going. Electricity in harness draws many a queer load. The Western Union office in Helena to-day presents a different appearance from the office in 1867.

The old timers who were in Montana during the civil war got their latest news from Salt Lake by stage coach, paying as high as 50 cents for a paper three weeks old. But the people were progressive and the telegraph followed the printing press, and now the people of Montana generally get the news of the day as quickly as the citizens of New York and Chicago, for electricity does not know what space is.

In 1867 a wire was strung from Virginia City to Helena and S. C. building on Broadway in the rear of Padden's at the corner of Broadway and Main street, where the telegraph office was located. Mr. Fredrickson was operator, line repairer, messenger and office boy. There was but one line then by the way of Deer Lodge, Virginia City and Dillon. Mr. Fredrickson secured the services of Billy Bishop, now chief clerk in the Helena postoffice, and utilized his services as a line repairer and general assistant for a number of years.

In 1873 S. J. Small, Don Chandler and Ed. Welch. A wire was stretched to Helena and thence to Portland, giving telegraphic communication to the coast. In 1875 Mr. Fredrickson, who had so long and faithfully served the company, demanded an increase of wages, feeling justified in so doing by the increase of business, and was denied and he resigned, being succeeded by C. T. Day, who had been stationed at Billings. The office was then supplied with one duplex and three single wires to St. Paul, one duplex and three single wires to Portland, two local wires and eight operators. In 1887 the office was removed to its present quarters on the first floor of the bank.

Mr. Day was succeeded by James Swan, the present efficient manager, who is very popular with the people and who manages the office to the satisfaction of its patrons. The Western Union has three day wires which it uses jointly with the Union Pacific. To operate these wires 2,800 cells of battery are needed. In the Helena office there are seventeen operators, three clerks, two office boys and six messengers, a total of twenty-eight hands. A duplex wire without a repeater in the world. A duplex instrument is worked to St. Paul in the day time and at night to Chicago, so that messages and cables for New York have only to be repeated once, thus avoiding liability to errors which is incident to each repetition. In addition to the duplex a single wire is also worked to Chicago.

A duplex is also in operation to Ogden, and another will be put up for Spokane Falls in a few weeks. In an emergency like the Spokane fire when we had four wires to Chicago, we can increase our facilities. At present the office has what might be called three trunk routes. One by St. Paul, one by Ogden, and one by Portland and San Francisco. The advantage in this is that Helena is never entirely cut off. Helena can reach Chicago just as handy by Ogden, or Portland and San Francisco, as by St. Paul.

Mr. Swan says he does not think in the last five years there ever was an occasion on which the INDEPENDENT did not get its report, certainly not in the last three years. This is a boast that not another newspaper west of St. Paul can make, excepting perhaps the Herald.

The Western Union officials have already recognized the superiority of what they call the Northern route for overland business to Portland and San Francisco, and have now under construction a new copper wire from St. Paul to Helena. This wire has already reached Fargo, Dak., and will be rapidly pushed to completion. It will be quadruplexed, which simply means that it will have the capacity of four ordinary wires; and the office will probably need from ten to twenty additional operators to handle the increase of business which it is expected will come over it.

Mr. Swan says: "During the month of July we handled 88,000 messages and expect that our figures for August will exceed 100,000. Telegraphically speaking Helena has better facilities than any other city in the northwest. To the ordinary individual who is content to use the mail this statement does not amount to much, but to the commission merchant, the drummer, the speculator and the mining man it is a matter of vast importance. Helena merchants have direct communication with Chicago, St. Paul and Portland, can obtain quotations much quicker than from other cities from the east and west, and if they are alert enough can get their orders in ahead of their neighbors. A commission merchant came into the office the other day and sent a long message to his correspondent, east, which cost two dollars. A friend standing by remarked that he was going in pretty steep. "Oh, what of that," replied the commission merchant, "I just sold two cars of hams on that last message I received. It's the telegraph that makes business for me."

"Some little time ago a telegram was delivered to a member of a large concern just as he was stepping on a train, offering him a certain commodity at a stated figure. A reply was immediately sent according to the offer. The firm realized ten thousand dollars on this one transaction. Had the message been delayed just two minutes the opportunity would have been lost."

A well known firm in Helena, new to the business, not long since when a certain article of every-day consumption was hard to get in Montana, used the telegraph freely and did more business in one month than all the other older houses in the same time put together.

"It is a well-known fact that nearly all our noted mines have been bought and sold by telegraph. Foreign capital would never have been invested in Montana mining property had it not been for the telegraph. And the telegraph people to-day claim that they, too, have had no small share in building up and enriching the great west."

THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The Struggle Between Chicago and New York—The Hatters and Furriers.

E. C. Babcock, the latter, has returned from New York and Chicago. He says that those great towns are having a hard struggle for supremacy in the fight to determine which shall have the world's fair in 1892. Mr. Babcock says if a western man wants to stand favorably with New York he will have to say that New York is the only place to hold the fair, while he must stand in with Chicago when he goes there. Mr. Babcock says a meeting of the hat-hatters and furriers was held in Chicago to organize a movement to bring the world's fair to that point. The firm of Babcock Bros. & Co. of this city and Butte, according to the Chicago Herald, cut quite an important figure at the meeting which was presided over by J. T. Shayne, the big hatter of Chicago. Mr. Babcock submitted a letter subscribing for fifty shares of stock for the Denver house and twenty shares for the Helena and Butte branches. At the meeting it was found out that \$200,000 could easily be subscribed among the hat-hatters and furriers, and the meeting adjourned after appointing a committee to effect an organization.

The Hotel Park addition adjoining the Broadwater hotel has just been put on the market by J. M. Muth. Cox reports a very active demand for lots.

Negligee flannel shirts and ties at Babcock's.

The Caledonian Picnic.

The joint committees of the Caledonian clubs of Butte and Helena will meet at Wilder Park to-day to make all final arrangements for the picnic and games to be held there on the 12th of next month. The programme of games consists of twenty-seven events, eighteen of which is open to the public. Sixteen medals and other valuable prizes amounting to nearly \$300 will be given to the successful competitors. One of the principal events besides the bagpipe competition, which promises to be very interesting, will be a friendly tug of war between eight sturdy Caledonians representing the Butte and Helena clubs. The successful team will be presented with a handsome mounted "snuff mill." Only those who will be allowed to compete for prizes in the different events which will ensure very keen competition. The club is going to charter special cars for the occasion, and it is believed the charge will be two dollars for the round trip. There being a splendid dancing hall at Wilder Park the club has secured the services of a splendid string band to discourse music to those who wish to trip the light fantastic.

The Caledonians will make this the event of the season, and happy will be the lot of those able to attend.

Ben, otherwise known as Harris the Clothier, is just home from New York. He is chock full of novelties; has all the styles on his counters and shelves, and swears he can lick any three men who believe the capital will be taken from Helena.

Dusters for the races at Babcock's.

Holmes Grover's Funeral.

The funeral of Holmes Grover, Jr., the unfortunate actor who died Friday afternoon took place yesterday and was attended by a large concourse of sympathizing friends. The Coliseum band headed the procession and played a dirge as the long column filed down Main street. The pallbearers were members of the profession. At the cemetery a Catholic priest pronounced the paring prayer and all that was devoted of Holmes Grover was assigned to his last resting place.

George Clayton, manager of the Coliseum theater, received the following distasteful notice of condolence yesterday:

Mrs. Holmes Grover: Accept our heartfelt condolence in this your darkest hour of earthly affliction. Our sympathies are with you and with your child out of respect for your late lamented husband. The Park theater will close for one night. Signed by the members of the Park theater company.

For a healthful and invigorating stimulant order Anthony & Kuhn's XXX bottled lager beer of August Park, 46 S. Main street; telephone 288.

Dunlap & Youmans' hats opening at Babcock's.

St. Peter's School.

St. Peter's school opens the new school year under the happiest auspices. Under the control of a board, which has for its members, Messrs. W. Cheesman, D. A. Cory, S. Word, C. A. Broadwater, E. W. Bach, S. C. Ashby, E. D. Edgerton, and Chief Justice Blake, the financial affairs of the school are sure to rest on a sound footing, and the names of these gentlemen ought to prove a sufficient guarantee that the attempt to place at the doors of the people of Helena a higher class school of sufficient merit to enable them to retain their children at home, and enjoy an education equal to any to be obtained in the east, will be thoroughly practical and successful. In the person of Mr. J. Bruce Stimpson, mediator of Edinburgh University, the board has secured a principal of ripe scholarship and wide experience, and his efforts will be seconded by able assistants. First term begins at 9 o'clock, September 11.

We would advise our many lady patrons of the arrival of a large line of novelties in children's wear. Many of the styles are exclusive, and would suggest an early call from those whom this may interest. Harris, the Clothier.

Men's sanitary all-wool underwear in full weights only \$1.50 per suit at The Bee Hive.

That magnificent blanket and bridle presented to our famous Spokane will be on exhibition on the fair grounds during the week with T. C. Power & Co.'s elaborate display.

Banking Hours This Week.

The undersigned banks of Helena will observe the following office and business hours, during fair week: After Monday, open at 9 a. m. and close at 1 p. m., August 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.
SECOND NATIONAL BANK.
MONTANA NATIONAL BANK.
THOMAS CRUSE SAVINGS BANK.
MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK.

Ladies silk vests only 95 cents, worth \$1.50, at Fowles' Cash Store.

Fall style hats opening at Babcock's.

Take Out Your Dogs.

Parties sending their dogs to the Bench show can rely on their being well cared for and carefully exercised daily. The superintendent and his assistants will take better care of them than most of them get at home. The entries will close to-morrow evening. Entry blanks can be procured at Pope & O'Connor's, F. S. Lang & Co.'s, H. M. Padden & Co.'s and the office of the club, third floor First National bank building, room 6.

Game, fish, spring lamb, ranch eggs, spring chicken, cantaloupe, etc., at the Criterion Cafe.

If you want a fine vehicle of any kind examine the fine stock of T. C. Power & Co. They will make you special low price during fair week.

STRUCK A CIRCUS.

Wild Scenes at Toledo, Ohio, Attending a Storm Which Blew Down a Tent.

Over a Hundred People Injured, but Only One, a Young Girl, Seriously.

A Dozen Victims to the Coal Oil Can in Colorado So Far this Month—Cable Car Accident.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Aug. 24.—This afternoon a heavy storm of wind, rain and hail passed over the city. It struck a circus tent, lifting the canvas and throwing the tent over on one side, crushing down the seats. A wild scene of terror resulted and in the panic women fainted, children screamed, and it is a miracle there were so few casualties. The most serious was the breaking of the leg of a young girl, but over a hundred people suffered bruises and contusions.

The Fatal Kerosene.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 24.—During the present month a dozen persons have lost their lives in this city and vicinity by using kerosene in starting fires. Most of the unfortunate victims have been ladies. Today's record shows two more added to the list. A Mrs. DuImage, mother of an assistant fire chief DuImage of this city, was fatally burned while pouring oil from a can into her cook stove. The second victim was Mrs. Jeff Orr, wife of a prominent business man of Durango. She was using kerosene to light a fire when the stuff exploded, burning her in the most horrible manner, her flesh peeling off her bones. Death soon ended her suffering.

Cable Road Accident.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 24.—Two frightful accidents occurred on the cable road this evening. Miss Mamie I. Burlew, a music teacher, was run over and instantly killed; R. T. Hind, recorder of deeds of the county, was fatally injured.

Chamber sets, full decorations, assorted colors, only \$3.50 at The Bee Hive.

IT WAS TO QUIET HER NERVES.

Mrs. Keithly, of Butte, Takes an Overdose of Morphine.

BUTTE, Aug. 24.—[Special to the Independent.]—This morning at 6 o'clock Mrs. Emma Keithly, wife of W. R. Keithly, was found dead on the floor of her room at her residence on East Broadway. Corner Howard was summoned and held an inquest. The principal witness at the inquest was Miss Lulu Lockwood, sister of the deceased. She testified that Mrs. Keithly had been in poor health for some time past. Last evening Mr. Keithly came to witness' residence on Park street and asked her to come over and remain all night with Mrs. Keithly. At 7 o'clock she went over and found Mrs. Keithly apparently better than when she last saw her. They sat together during the evening, and talked until about 11 o'clock when they retired. At 12:30 the fire alarm sounded and they both dressed and went out to see where the fire was. Mrs. Keithly remained half an hour and then returned, when Miss Lockwood again went to bed. Mrs. Keithly prepared herself to retire, but remained sitting in a chair in the dining room and continued to talk in a good humored way. She took a teaspoonful of medicine out of a bottle and told Miss Lockwood it was to quiet her nerves. She also gave Miss Lockwood a teaspoonful of the same medicine, which made her sleepy. After asking Mrs. Keithly three times to come to bed, Miss Lockwood fell asleep and did not wake up until 6 o'clock. At that time she discovered Mrs. Keithly kneeling on the floor dead. The jury returned a verdict of death from an overdose of morphine.

In addition to the finest specimens of pen work ever seen in Montana, Hahn and Walters will exhibit the phonograph at the fair ground this week.

A Blaze at Butte.

BUTTE, Aug. 24.—[Special to the Independent.]—Fire broke out here at 1 o'clock last night in D. Girard's barn situated in the alley south of Mercury street and between Washington and Jackson. The barn was rented by Ellingwood & Resnor, and six of their horses were in it. They were all taken out unharmed. The barn was entirely consumed as was also Mr. Girard's one story frame house, situated on the same lot. The active work of the fire department prevented the burning of a number of small houses situated in the vicinity. The fire was undoubtedly incendiary, and is the second that has taken place in that neighborhood recently. Loss \$1,500; no insurance.

Babcock's fall good are now arriving, the latest and best.

Baby carriages at The Bee Hive \$9 and upwards.

Prairie Fires Still Rage.

MILES CITY, Aug. 24.—[Special to the Independent.]—Prairie fires in this section continue. The city is enveloped in smoke from fires now raging in the pines south of town. Cattle herds that were to have been thrown over on the north side of the Yellowstone are being held south because of the wiping-out of the northern range.

Visitors to the fair should visit the carriage repository of T. C. Power & Co., corner Higgins avenue and Main street.

Custer County Primaries.

MILES CITY, Aug. 24.—[Special to the Independent.]—The democratic primaries were held to-day. Things are most harmonious and delegates were elected without a fight. The Custer democracy is united on Geo. R. Milburn for district judge and the leading republicans speak most favorably of the selection.

Commendable.

All claims not consistent with the character of Syrup of Figs are purposely avoided by the California Fig Syrup company. It acts gently on the kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the system effectually, but it is not a cure-all and makes no pretensions that every bottle will not substantiate.

Eye and Ear Surgeon.

Dr. H. H. Wynne, oculist and aurist, 163 1/2 Main street, Helena, Montana.

Fall style hats now ready at Babcock's.

The Twentieth Exhibition of the Montana Agricultural, Mineral and Mechanical Association

OPENS MONDAY, AUG. 26, 1889.

Directors: W.A. CHESSMAN, A. J. DAVIDSON, T. C. POWER, B. H. TATEM, W.B. HUNDLEY, C. D. HARD, WM. MUTH, FRANCIS POPE, L.H. HERSHFIELD

All Entries Close and all Exhibits Must Be In Their Places Monday. Cut Flowers and Bread Must Be In By Wednesday Noon. Entries Can Only Be Made at the Secretary's Office at the Grounds.

Races Commence at 2 P. M. Prompt.

The Directors will endeavor to have the races run promptly on time, in order that the public may get back to town at an early hour. Officers of the Day—Starter, Wm. B. Hundley. Timers, Wm. G. Preuit and Elbert D. Weed. Presiding Judge, W. A. Chessman, Assistant Judges, B. H. Tatem and Francis Pope.

Official Racing Programme:

RACE NO. 81, RUNNING—PURSE \$200, TWO FURLONGS:

ENTRIES—Jim Miller, Nettie S. Bob Wade, Cyclone.

RACE NO. 82, RUNNING—PURSE \$300, SIX FURLONGS:

ENTRIES—Diavolo, Jou Jou, Fandango, Tom Daly, Asa, Olympia, Nevada, Daniel B. Roly Boly.

RACE NO. 83, RUNNING—PURSE \$250, FOUR FURLONGS:

ENTRIES—Bogus, Guido, Daniel B. Red Elm, Sunday.

RACE NO. 84, TROTTING—PURSE \$500, 2:40 CLASS:

1. Maud Singleton, b. m., by Singleton, dam by Wailand Forest, Ike Morehouse, Butte.
2. Young Ranchero, ch. g., by Cashier, dam by Grey Eagle, C. B. Jefferies, Butte.
3. Harvey M. b. g., by Ingram, dam Immigrant, Ed Miller, Butte.
4. James F. b. g., by Reporter, dam Jesse, F. Fancher, Salt Lake.
5. Sister V. b. m., by Sidney, dam Nettie Lambert, J. F. McNaught, Seattle W. T.
6. Hailstorm, br. g., by Bishop, dam Lady Gravesby, by Smuggler, Huntley & Clarke, Toston.
7. Procrastination, b. h., by Challenger, dam Belle, by Woodford's Abdallah, H. Kirkendall, Helena.
8. Alice Blythe, ch. m., by Dom Pedro, dam by Indian Chief, A. C. Beckwith, Evanston, Wyo.
9. Alice, ch. m., by Clarke Chief, Jr., dam Nettie, Alex Lewis, Portland, Ore.
10. Diamond Joe, blk. g., by Mambrino Diamond, J. H. French, Helena.

The grounds can now be reached comfortably and quickly via the Montana Central Railway. Round Trip Tickets, including admission to the grounds, \$1.25, Ladies and Children, 75 cents. Listen to the Music and Come to the Fair.

A. J. DAVIDSON, President.

CLEARING OUT AT Sands Bros.

AND WHAT IT MEANS!

The immense business that we have done this, the dullest month of the year, has surprised even ourselves. When one considers a moment that we are jammed in less than two-thirds of the store room occupied by us last year, and the hammering and building that is constantly going on all around us, the above fact is nothing short of remarkable. The people of Helena have become aroused to the fact that we are

FALL DRESS GOODS.

And seem to fully appreciate what it means—that we are marking down goods to prices so low that you cannot help buying them. It means such bargains as Helena is not likely to see every day in the year. Notwithstanding the fact that

BRICKS AND SCAFFOLDING

Will be the most prominent feature on the outside of our store the coming week, we will show to those who are curious to know what we are doing on the inside an elegant line of

COMBINATION DRESS GOODS.

1889 FALL WEAR 1889

Fall Goods are now arriving daily, especially Dress Goods, Silks, Cloaks and Newmarkets. Come to our store to-morrow, or some day during the week, and we have no doubt that your time will be well spent.

SANDS BROS.